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Q & A

Q *If the County Welfare Department (CWD) contracts directly with the substance abuse treatment providers, what would be fiscal and data reporting requirements for the county office of alcohol and drug programs (OADP)?*

A **Data Collection Requirements:**
[Reference: Department of Social Services, All-County Letter (ACL) #98-60, August 4, 1998]

When the CWD contracts with the county OADP to provide services, the required data is collected through the county OADP systems already in place. Any direct provider without a concurrent contractual relationship with a county OADP must complete the CADDs, DATAR, fiscal data forms and diskettes and submit them directly to the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs by the established due dates.

Q *If the County Welfare Department (CWD) moves funds initially designated for substance abuse treatment to the mental health department, would the county office of alcohol and drug programs or mental health report the use of those funds?*

A **The county office of mental health is responsible for reporting on the use of such funds.**

Oakland Hosts First Regional Forum

On October 21, 1998, the first of the five ADP-sponsored CalWORKs regional forums, *Implementing CalWORKs: Building Interagency Partnerships to Respond to Alcohol and Other Drug Issues*, was held in Oakland, California.

The forum was attended by several hundred county representatives from this area of the State. Counties attending included: Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma. The focus and agenda of each of these forums is tailored to specifically identified issues and concerns of the region.

A State panel was also present, with representatives from the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the Department of Social Services, and the Employment Development Department.

Forum representatives formed county-specific collaborative discussion groups to confer on CalWORKs issues particular to their respective counties. These groups identified key action items for providing crucial AOD services to TANF/CalWORKs recipients. A "Q & A" session was also held in which groups developed questions, then received answers from State representatives as time allowed. Answers to other questions will appear in future *CalWORKs Bulletins* and

DON'T FORGET

Use the CalWORKs fax hot line, **(916) 445-5084**, to convey questions/problems concerning CalWORKs and to share your best practices for inclusion in future *CalWORKs Bulletins*.

Welfare-to-Work Grant Update

The allocation of \$23 million in Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grant funds to 24 agencies throughout California was announced in September.

These funds, known as 15 percent monies, are authorized under the Federal 1997 Budget Reconciliation Act. Under the Budget Reconciliation Act, California applied for and received a \$190.4 million WtW grant. According to law, 85 percent of the funds must be distributed to local Private Industry Councils that will

operate programs designed to meet local needs. Fifteen percent is available to the Governor to fund innovative WtW projects in private, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, and public entities.

The "15 percent funds" will be used in conjunction with other local resources to support a mix of employment activities and services as determined by the local community. These services include unsubsidized and subsidized employment, work experience, on-the-job training and post-employment retention, and support services such as child care and transportation assistance.

A list of award recipients and their location can be found on the EDD web site:
<http://www.edd.cahwnet.gov/wb98-21.pdf>

WELFARE REFORM WEB SITES

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) has audio conferences available, including *Jobs and Wages: Programs that Promote Retention and Advancement*:

<http://www.clasp.org>

The Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies (ICESA) is the national organization of state administrators of unemployment insurance, employment and training services, and labor market information programs.

<http://www.icesa.org>

USWORKFORCE.ORG This web site is a work in progress designed to provide both answers to current and emerging questions about the Workforce Investment Act.

Treatment Center Releases Guidelines

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has released a new best practices guideline entitled, *Comprehensive Case Management for Substance Abuse Treatment*. The guideline provides models and practical information on how to coordinate treatment for alcohol abuse or illicit drug use with additional services.

Additional services may include housing, education, medical care, job skills, or treatment for mental disorders.

The guideline is available from the National Clearinghouse of Alcohol and Drug Information, 1-800-729-6686.

Other How-to Guides

Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) has released its third "how-to guide" in its ReWORKING Welfare series, *Business Partnerships: How to Involve Employers in Welfare Reform* a practical guide designed to help those interested in promoting business partnerships as part of welfare-to-work efforts. This guide, and MDRC's two previous guides *After AFDC: Welfare-to-Work Choices and Challenges for States* and *Work First: How to Implement an Employment-Focused Approach to Welfare Reform*, are available on-line: <http://www.mdrc.org>.